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## MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS

**(Legislative Department)**

*New Delhi, the 31st July, 1976/Sravana 9, 1898 (Saka)*

The following President's Act is published for general information:—

# THE TAMIL NADU PANCHAYAT Union Councils (EXTENSION OF TERM OF OFFICE) ACT, 1976

No. 33 OF 1976

Enacted by the President in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Republic of India.

An Act to provide for the extension of the term of office of the members and Chairmen of Panchayat Union Councils in the State of Tamil Nadu.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Tamil Nadu State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1976, the President is pleased to enact as follows:— 41 of 1976.

1. This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Panchayat Union Councils (Extension of Term of Office) Act, 1976. Short title.

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1958 or in the Tamil Nadu Panchayats and Panchayat Union Councils (Extension of Term of Office) Act, 1975 or in any other law for the time being in force, the term of office of the members and the Chairmen of all the Panchayat Union Councils in the State of Tamil Nadu, holding office as such on the 31st day of July, 1976, shall extend up to the noon on the 1st day of February, 1977: Extension of term of office of members and Chairmen of Panchayat Union Councils.

Tamil Nadu Act XXXV of 1958. Tamil Nadu Act 34 of 1975.

Provided that if a member of a Township Committee is a member of a Panchayat Union Council, he shall cease to hold office as a member of the Panchayat Union Council whenever he ceases to be a member of the Township Committee or on the 1st day of February, 1977, whichever is earlier.

FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED,
*President.*

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K. K. SUNDARAM,
*Secy. to the Govt. of India.*

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*Reasons for the enactment*

Under section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats and Panchayat Union Councils (Extension of Term of Office) Act, 1975 (Tamil Nadu Act 34 of 1975), the term of office of the members and the Chairmen of all the Panchayat Union Councils has been extended up to the noon on the 1st day of August, 1976.

The Government of Tamil Nadu have decided to extend the term of office of the members and the Chairmen of all the Panchayat Union Councils for a period of six months, that is up to the noon on the 1st day of February, 1977.

The Bill seeks to give effect to the above decision.

The President issued a Proclamation on the 31st January, 1976, under article 356 of the Constitution, in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu declaring *inter alia* that the powers of the Legislature of the State shall be exercisable by or under the authority of Parliament. Parliament has, under article 357(1)(a) of the Constitution, now conferred on the President, the powers of the Legislature of the State of Tamil Nadu to make laws *vide* the Tamil Nadu State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1976 (41 of 1976).

In view of the urgency of the matter, it is not practicable to consult the Consultative Committee of Parliament on Tamil Nadu Legislation. This measure is accordingly being enacted without reference to the Consultative Committee.

R. N. AZAD,
*Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India,*
*Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation*
*(Department of Rural Development).*

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